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Bridge across the Cheyyar at Tiruvattipuram.

* 1924 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to construct a bridge across the Cheyyar river at Tiruvattipuram to be used as a bus route during rainy seasons?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The answer is in the negative."

Residential scholarships for Harijan students.

* 1925 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any applications for residential scholarships in 1954 from the Harijan students of Koothuparamba High School; and

(*b*) if so, how many were sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Two."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" As the lodging charges are higher in private hostels, will the Government consider the question of enhancing the present rate? "

THE HON SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" That is a different question altogether. The Government are considering that question."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister stated that two scholarships were granted. May I know how many applications were received and how many were rejected? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Only two applications were received and they were sanctioned."

Executive Officer for the Vadakkanandal Panchayat.

* 1926 *Q.*—SRI L. ANANDAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether it is proposed to appoint an Executive Officer for the Vadakkanandal Panchayat in South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" No, Sir."

Attenders of the Education Department.

* 1927 *Q.*—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any memorandum in 1952 from the attenders of Education Department regarding the revision of their scales of pay; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) No, Sir, but in 1951 memorials were received from the attenders of the Education Department in the matter. Their request was not complied with."

Western India Plywood Employees' Association.

* 1928 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 14th September 1954, from the Western India Plywood Employees' Association containing demands in respect of minimum basic wage, increase of pay, service conditions, leave, bonus, recognition of the union, etc.; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) No, Sir. Only a copy of the letter, dated 15th October 1954, addressed to the management was received by the Labour Officer, Kozhikode.

" (b) The Labour Officer has reported that the management and the workers have come to a settlement."

SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the management is yet to implement certain important items in the terms of the agreement and the Association has requested the Government to prosecute the management in that regard? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that after the settlement two canteen supervisors were dismissed by the management and regular victimization is going on in the factory? If so, will the Government be pleased to make an enquiry into the matter and see that the management act according to that settlement? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would suggest to the hon. Member to give me more information on what he has stated just now. Then only, I will be able to furnish the particulars required by him."

Increase in crime in Feroke.

* 1928-A Q.—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation recently from the Hotel and Tea Shop Owners' Association in Feroke about the increase in crime in the place and about the indifferent attitude of the local police; and

(b) whether the Government have taken any action in the matter?